



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
November 13, 2023, @ 4:00 pm.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – City Commission Present: Mayor Witt, Commissioners, Kollhoff, Rein, Miller and Marshall.

Staff Present: City Manager Marsh, Finance Director Johnson, City Attorney Martin, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Police Chief Hatter, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Streets and Utilities Superintendent Hawk, and Administrative Manager-Public Works Hiatt.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the November 13, 2023, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein, to approve the agenda with the removal of item 12a on the study session agenda, WSU Sports Complex Feasibility Study Results. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Miller YES, Rein YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Consent Agenda

5. Consent Agenda - Consent Agenda items are considered routine business items. The consent agenda can be acted upon by one motion unless a majority of the City Commission votes to remove an item for discussion and separate action.

a. Meeting Minutes for October 23, 2023, Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Miller YES, Marshall YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

6. Public Comments and Communications

- a. Public Forum: Persons who wish to address the City Commission regarding items outside the agenda may do so when called upon by the Mayor. Speakers will be allowed a three-minute time limit.

Gary Boyd, 301 NW 17th Street, expressed concerns regarding severe flooding at his residence and in his neighborhood after heavy rains.

Ryan Crist, 1605 NW 14th Street, expressed concerns for the proposed four-way stop at 14th Street and Van Buren Street.

City Manager Marsh explained there is nothing formalized on the specifics of the project. If the grant that has been applied for is received, more details will be worked out at that time.

Commissioner Kollhoff requested this item be added to an upcoming study session agenda.

7. Business Items

- a. Consider approval of Resolution 111323-1, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ABILENE KANSAS.**

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Resolution No. 111323-1, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ABILENE KANSAS.** Roll call vote: Rein YES, Miller YES, Marshall YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

- b. Consider approval of Resolution No. 111323-2, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF KANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN, SECTION 401(a).**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve Resolution No. 111323-2, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF KANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN, SECTION 401(a).** Roll call vote: Miller YES, Marshall YES, Rein YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

8. Items for Discussion

- a. Consider approval of a bid from J & K Contracting in the amount of \$213,734.60 for the Oak, Kuney and Olive Street Waterline Replacement Project.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the bid from J & K Contracting in the amount of \$213,734.60 for the Oak, Kuney and Olive Street Waterline Replacement Project. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Marshall YES, Miller YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

9. Reports

a. City Manager's Report

Reminder: The next Community Meeting for the Comprehensive Plan has been rescheduled for November 28 in the library at 6 pm.

Phase 1 of the 14th Street reconstruction project is finishing up and will be open today. We have a walkthrough scheduled for Thursday, November 16, at 3 pm. You can find updates on the Community Engagement dashboard.

The Police Department was notified they did not receive the COPS grant. This was a grant to help pay for an additional officer.

The Fire Department received a grant through the Kansas Firefighter Recruitment and Safety Grant Program for \$6,126.00 to help buy bunker gear.

The City of Abilene, Kansas Builders Insurance Group and Copeland Insurance have partnered together to host an inaugural Construction Contracting Safety Training CEU class for contractors. This free class was held today with 38 contractors in attendance at the Community Center.

Public Works is putting up Christmas decorations this week, and Christmas trees will be delivered next week.

10. Recess of Regular Meeting

a. Consider a motion to recess the November 13, 2023, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to recess the November 13, 2023, City Commission Meeting at 4:22 pm. Roll call vote: The motion carried unanimously 5-0. The City Commission Study Session will begin at 4:37 pm.

11. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 4:37 pm.

12. November 13, 2023, City Commission Study Session Agenda

- a. WSU Sports Complex Feasibility Study – this item was removed from the agenda
- b. Olsson Master Agreement Work Order No. 5, Design and Bidding displaced threshold
- c. Olsson Engineering Construction and Inspection Services – CCLIP Project, K-15 from SW 6th to UPRR
- d. Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance
- e. Precious Metals/Pawnbroker License
- f. Open Carry in the Abilene Public Library

13. Adjournment

- a. Consider a motion to adjourn the November 13, 2023, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein, to adjourn the November 13, 2023, City Commission Meeting at 5:35 pm. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Rein YES, Miller YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.



Trevor D. Witt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk